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SUBJ: KOREA AT 29TH UNGA PORTUGAL

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1. IN DISCUSSING KOREAN QUESTION WITH MISOFF NOV 19, PORTUGUESE COUNSELLOR (AND UNGA FIRST COMMITTEE RAPPORTEUR) COSTA LOBO SAID HE HAD RECEIVED FROM LISBON SOME WEEKS AGO BRIEF INSTRUCTIONS TO "SUPPORT NATO POSITION". COSTA LOBO UNDERSTOOD INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY AFTER VISIT TO LISBON BY ROK AMB WHO TOLD PORTUGUESE ALL NATO MEMBERS SUPPORTING FRIENDLY RES. COSTA LOBO SAID HE SURPRISED TO LEARN RECENTLY THAT NEITHER NORWAY NOR FRANCE, FOR INSTANCE, COMMITTED TO SUPPORT FRIENDLY RES AND HE IMPLIED THAT, IN ABSENCE OTHER INSTRUCTIONS, HE MIGHT HAVE TO ABSTAIN.

2. MISOFF ADMITTED THAT THERE IS NO NATO POSITION ON KOREA BUT NOTED THAT 5 NATO MEMBERS (US, UK, WEST GERMANY, CANADA AND NETHERLANDS) COSPONSORING FRIENDLY RES AND BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG ITALY AND TURKEY FULLY COMMITTED TO IT AND ALSO
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PLANNING TO VOTE AGAINST HOSTILE RES WHICH APPEARS LIKELY TO

COME TO VOTE EVEN AFTER OUR RES PASSES. MISOFF ADDED IT VERY LIKELY DENMARK AND IRELAND WILL ALSO SUPPORT. AT URGING OF MISOFF, COSTA LOBO AGREED TO SEEK NEW INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTE IN FAVOR.

3. WITH REGARD TO HOSTILE RES, COSTA LOBO SAID HE INCLINED TO RECOMMEND THAT PORTUGAL ABSTAIN SINCE RES APPEARED RELATIVELY MODERATE ON ITS FACE. MISOFF SAID THAT IN SPITE OF NONPOLEMICAL LANGUAGE, HOSTILE RES SERIOUSLY DEFICIENT IN THAT IT IMPLIES TERMINATION OF UN COMMAND BEFORE ALTERNATIVE ARMISTICE AGREEMENTS MADE, TAKES NO RECOGNITION OF SECURITY COUNCIL ROLE IN KOREA QUESTION AND BY RECOMMENDING WITHDRAWAL OF "FOREIGN TROOPS" PUTS UN ON RECORD AS INTERVENING IN BILATERAL DEFENSE ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN US AND ROK. COSTA LOBO AGREED TO PRESENT OUR ARGUMENTS AGAINST HOSTILE RES TO FONMIN AND AGREED THAT US DEMARCHE IN LISBON WOULD BE HELPFUL.

4. WE NOW EXPECT FIRST COMMITTEE VOTE ON BOTH KOREA RESOLUTIONS WEEK OF DECEMBER 2 WE HAVE COMFORTABLE MARGIN IN FAVOR OF FRIENDLY RESOLUTION BUT URGENTLY NEED A FEW MORE COMMITMENTS TO VOTE AGAINST HOSTILE RESOLUTION IN ORDER TO BE SURE OF DEFEATING IT.

5. WE ARE NOT RECOMMENDING ACTION ON KOREA IN LISBON AT THIS POINT, HOWEVER, SINCE WE UNDERSTAND DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTING URGENT APPROACH TO PORTUGUESE REGARDING VOTING ON CAMBODIA, PLENARY TAKES UP CAMBODIA NOVEMBER 25 AND DEBATE EXPECTED TO CONCLUDE BY NOVEMBER 27.
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